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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study explores the impact of social media influencers on consumers' adoption of healthy food choices, taking into account consumer choice, health-conscious and health-uninterested consumers, and the credibility of the influencers. Given the continued influence of social media platforms on consumer behaviour, it is critical to comprehend how influencers affect dietary preferences.

Investigating the complex relationship between social media influencers and healthy food choices, this research makes use of a thorough review of the literature as well as primary data collected. Convenience sampling techniques were employed to select respondents from a range of demographic groups who were contacted via social media sites such as WhatsApp and Instagram.

The results demonstrate the critical role that influencer credibility plays in encouraging consumers to make healthy food choices. Customers frequently follow and believe in influencers who are viewed as reliable sources of health-related information, which affects the foods they eat. The study also highlights the differences in the adoption of healthy eating practices between consumers who are concerned about their health and those who are not, underscoring the necessity of customized marketing approaches.

This study's findings highlight the important impact social media influencers have on consumer behaviour and dietary preferences, especially when it comes to selecting healthful foods. Influencer marketing techniques are a useful tool for businesses and marketers in the healthy food sector to connect and interact with their target audience and encourage better eating practices. Businesses in the digital age can improve consumer satisfaction and public health outcomes by understanding the dynamics of influencer influence and meeting the needs of consumers who are both health-conscious and uninterested in health.

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CHAPTER-1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION TO STUDY

Social media has become an integral part of modern life, affecting practically every sphere of the lives of individuals. In society, it has become a key factor influencing the way most people communicate, relate to each other, and consume. This has surged several phenomenon's, and one of them is the appearance of social media influencers, who have begun to influence people's behaviour seriously, which is being reflected significantly in a consumer's attitude to food and diet. Social influencers can be defined as "individuals who have the power to impact purchase decisions of others because of their... authority, knowledge, position, or relationship".

Social media's pervasiveness and the general availability of platforms bound by its incorporation influence the imprint of influencers—particularly, Instagram, YouTube. The forefront of digital marketing and branding. This has capacitated them to publish and broadcast content on-demand to followers in the thousands, if not millions, over the world instantly. It has entrenched them as a force to be reckoned with in consumer fads and cultural standards, comprising meal patterns and nutrition. Whether speaking about lovely foods, promoting goods and fair eating fads, or anything between followers, influencers are central in influencing the narrative surrounding meals and nourishing in the digital realm.

Despite the growing concern over public health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease, there is increasing attention among scholars, policymakers, and public health proponents on how social media influences people's food consumption and, conversely, healthy foods consumption. Influencers can be both advocates, and role models, influencers, and adversaries of a healthy lifestyle, and, therefore, their effect in terms of what people eat is quite complex and multi-layered, including all sorts of considerations regarding ethics.

This introduction, establishes a comprehensive background for studying the impact of social media influencers on consumers' eating patterns and nutritional decisions. The author seeks to explore the influencers' impact on food awareness among the consumer, the measures to enhance healthy eating, as well as the implications of the same on public health and societal well-being. Therefore, the above-stated study would help offer crucial research on the trends shaping food marketing and consumption in the digital age. This study will seek to clarify the intricate relationship between

social media influencers, consumer behaviour and dietary health outcomes, by applying an interdisciplinary perspective combining insights from marketing, psychology, nutrition science and public health.

1.2 STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

The trend of social media influencers that promote healthy eating behaviour has become more common nowadays, but there is a question mark that states whether or not such campaigns can really change consumer behaviour. The objective of this study is to bridge the gap by assessing the role of social media influencers in consumer purchase of healthier food alternatives which is done through the perspective of influencer credibility, consumer concern for health and consumer's power of decision. The primary questions guiding this research are as follows: To start with does the view of social media influencers about what is healthy and is acceptable to be eaten influence the choices and attitudes of consumers towards better alternatives. However, are people with a higher concern for health more susceptible to adopting nutritious food choice likely to be promoted by the influencer while those with lower health concerns to adopt such choices? In contrast, do those prone to less health consciousness display a kind of response which is different in case of the influencers reaching out to them with the healthier food items? In conclusion, what are the different components constituting of buyer behaviour while utilizing social influencers to promote healthier food choices?

Through examination of these elements, the study strives to reveal the complexities that shape the effectiveness of the campaigns built on the influencers' activeness, and contribute to the diet of the consumers by replacing the calorie-rich foods with healthier snacks. Recognizing the interrelation of influencer credibility, health concerns of consumers, ultimately the choice of individual give out the information aimed for not only marketers but also the policy makers to guide them. In addition with providing knowledge on key mechanisms through which we learn about the power that the social media influencers exercise in their activities, this research can be of use in designing better techniques for advertising healthier foodstuff products while at the same time using the strategies in motivating people to eat healthier. Hence, the research would be a part

of the plethora of studies made on the influence of marketing, and consumer behaviour which address to the topic on health and wellness.

1.3 LITERATURE REVIEW

In today's marketing research, the impact of social media influencers on consumers' adoption of healthier food choices is becoming more and more important. It is now critical for businesses and policymakers to understand how influencers shape consumer behaviour's in the area of nutrition, given the exponential rise of social media platforms and the growing emphasis on health and wellness. Examining the roles of influencer credibility, consumer health consciousness, and indifference, as well as their combined effects on consumer choice, is the goal of this literature review. The impact of social media influencers on consumer behaviour in the digital age has attracted a lot of scholarly attention, especially when it comes to choosing healthy foods.

In the ground-breaking study "**The Impact of Social Media Influencers on Consumer Decision-Making,**" **Smith (2018)** established the foundation for comprehending the workings of influencer marketing. They emphasized how important influencer credibility is in influencing the opinions and decisions of customers. Additionally, in "**The Impact of Social Media Influencers on Consumer Choice: An Experimental Study,**" **Wang and Lee (2017)** looked into the psychological processes that underlie how customers make decisions in response to influencer content. They clarified the cognitive processes influencing consumer choice through experimental design, offering insightful information about successful influencer marketing tactics.

In the study "**Influencer Marketing in the Health Food Industry,**" **Jones et al. (2020)** expanded on this basis by delving deeper into the dynamics of influencer marketing in the health and wellness sector. The impact of influencer endorsements on consumer trust and purchase intentions was highlighted by their findings, especially for those who are health-conscious. On the other hand, **Brown (2019)** investigated how influencer marketing affected consumers who were not interested in health in "**The Role of Social Media Influencers in Shaping Consumer Behaviour: A Study on Health-Ambivalent Consumers.**" Brown's research broadened the conversation on consumer segmentation by illuminating the subtleties of influencer marketing tactics designed to interest and

convince people who are not as likely to adopt health-conscious behaviour's. Furthermore, in their study "**Understanding the Influence of Social Media Influencers on Healthy Food Choices,**" **Garcia and Martinez (2021)** investigated the relationship between influencer credibility and consumer choice. Their findings provided marketers with avenues to improve influencer partnerships by highlighting the significance of perceived credibility in encouraging consumer adoption of healthier food options. **Chen and Wang (2020)**, in addition to the scholars already mentioned, carried out a thorough investigation titled "**The Role of Social Media Influencers in Promoting Healthy Eating Habits.**" Their investigation focused on the precise methods used by social media influencers to encourage the consumption of healthful foods and the efficacy of these methods across a range of consumer demographics. Chen and Wang shed light on the subtleties of persuasive communication in the digital sphere by offering insights into the differing effects of influencer marketing on consumers who are health-conscious and those who are not. They did this through qualitative interviews and content analysis. Their findings enriched the conversation on how social media influencers shape consumer attitudes and behaviours toward nutrition by highlighting the significance of relatability, authenticity, and educational content in influencer campaigns that promote healthier eating habits.

When taken as a whole, these academic works offer a thorough understanding of how social media influencers affect consumers' adoption of healthier food choices. They also emphasize the critical roles that consumer segmentation based on health consciousness, influencer credibility, and the mechanisms influencing consumer choice in the digital age play

1.4 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The impact of social media influencers on the adoption of healthier diets is investigated in this study. It emphasizes how crucial credibility is in shaping consumer choices regarding diet and behaviour. Influencer marketing campaigns that are more successful are the result of marketers adjusting their strategies based on the research to boost engagement and trust. Additionally, it looks at consumer health issues that affect the decision to choose healthier foods, which aids in the setting of marketing goals and the assessment of the relevance and efficacy of advertising

campaigns. The study also takes into account the opinions of customers who might not be as concerned about health issues but who do choose healthier foods. By taking these variables into account, marketing strategies that encourage people to make better food choices and alter their behaviour can be developed. The findings can guide public health campaigns to encourage a healthier diet.

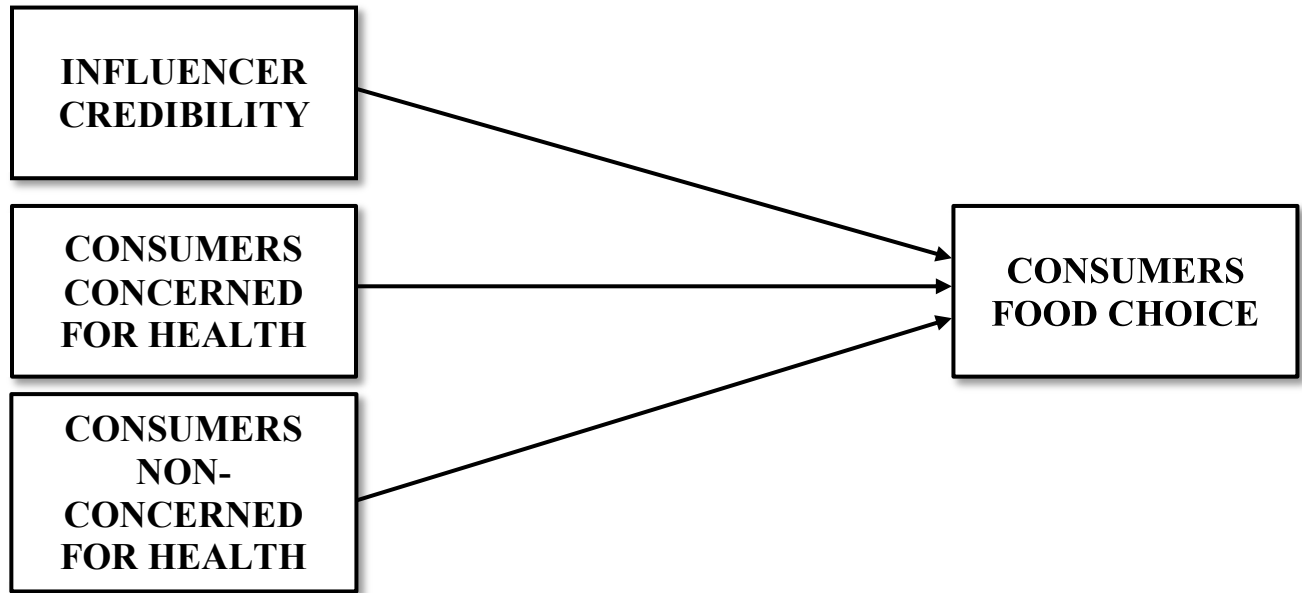
1.5 SCOPE OF STUDY

The study's focus is on how people's decisions to eat healthily are influenced by social media influencers. The investigation on how influencers encourage a healthy diet, how people respond to their messages, and whether or not this influences people's real food choices is done . To see how they're influenced, you'll also take into account various elements like age, gender, and place of residence. The study comprehends how social media influencers support healthy eating practices and how this information may be leveraged to enhance public health initiatives.

1.6 OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

1. To study the influence of consumer health interest on their food choices.
2. To study the influence of consumer's lack of health concern on their food choices.
4. To study if perception of credibility of social media influencers who promote healthy food choices influence health-uninterested consumers to change their food choices.

1.7 CONCEPTUAL MODEL



1.8 HYPOTHESIS

H1: Health-Conscious consumers more likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with Health-Uninterested Consumers.

H2: Health-Uninterested Consumers are less likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with higher levels of health interest

H3: Perception of credibility of social media influencers who promote healthy food choices positively influences non- health concerned consumers to adopt healthier food choices.

1.9 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

1.9.1 POPULATION:

The population of the study is those who use social media and see posts about healthy eating from influencers comprise the population of the study. This group may consist of people of various ages, genders, and geographical locations.

1.9.2 SAMPLING TECHNIQUE:

There are two types of sampling techniques: probability sampling techniques and non-probability sampling techniques. Randomization is used in probability sampling techniques to ensure that

every element of the population has an equal chance of being represented in the selected sample. Probability sampling techniques include simple random, systematic, stratified random, cluster, and multi stage sampling. The non-probability sampling technique is more dependent on the researcher's ability to select sample elements. The results of this type of sampling may be accused of bias, and extrapolation to the population may be extremely difficult. Non-probability sampling techniques include convenience, purposive, quota, and snowball sampling.

The researcher has used convenience sampling technique to collect data on time and to avoid low response rate.

1.9.3 SAMPLE SIZE:

The sample size was 107.

1.9.4 DATA COLLECTION:

Data collection or data gathering is the process of gathering and measuring information on targeted variables in an established system, which then enables one to answer relevant questions and evaluate outcomes. The process of data collection typically involves defining the research question or problem, selecting the appropriate data sources and methods, designing the data collection instruments, collecting the data, and organizing and analysing the data. Effective data collection requires careful planning, attention to detail, and a clear understanding of the research objectives. It is important to ensure that the data collected is accurate, reliable, and relevant to the research question. Additionally, it is essential to follow ethical guidelines for data collection, such as obtaining informed consent from research participants and protecting their privacy and confidentiality.

When it comes to data collection, there are two methods that are commonly used by researchers. These methods are classified as primary data collection methods and secondary data collection methods.

PRIMARY DATA

Primary data collection methods for primary data include observation, interviews, questionnaires, case studies, projective techniques, and schedules.

The tool used by researcher for the primary data collection to understand the influence of social media influencers on consumer adoption of healthier food choices was Questionnaires.

SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data is data that already exists and can be acquired through published or unpublished sources. Published sources include government publications, public records, bank records, and so on. Unpublished data sources encompass letters, diaries, unpublished biographies work and so on.

The secondary data for the study was collected from previous research papers, and credible internet websites.

1.9.5 TOOLS USED FOR DATA COLLECTION

Questionnaires were distributed to respondents via social media platforms like WhatsApp and Instagram enough time was allowed for them to complete them in order to reduce sampling errors.

The questionnaire was divided into three sections. The first section concentrates on the respondent's demographics. The second section includes questions about respondent's consciousness and interest about their health and credibility of influencers and the third section includes consumers healthy food choices. The questionnaire mainly consists of Likert scales ranging between 1 – Strongly agree, 2 –agree, 3 – Neutral, 4 – disagree, 5 – Strongly disagree. A rating scale have been used to measure consumers scale of how likely they are willing to change their food choices after watching credible influencers.

1.9.6 DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

The entire data has been analysed using the SPSS software package.

- ☐ Descriptive Statistics:
- ☐ Frequency Distribution
- ☐ Inferential Statistics:

- 1) Correlation
- 2) Regression

1.10 LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

- ☐ Time constraint.
- ☐ Responses were collected from people located in certain locations only.

CHAPTER-2
INDUSTRY,COMPANY
AND PRODUCT PROFILE

2.1 INDUSTRY PROFILE

The food industry encompasses a vast array of businesses involved in the production, processing, distribution, and sale of food products to consumers worldwide. It is a dynamic and multifaceted sector that plays a crucial role in global economies, catering to the basic needs of individuals while also driving innovation, sustainability, and economic growth. Key segments within the food industry include agriculture and farming, food processing and manufacturing, foodservice and hospitality, retail and distribution, and food technology and innovation.

SEGMENTS WITHIN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

Agriculture and farming:

Growing crops and raising livestock to provide raw materials for food production, these activities are at the core of the food industry. With an emphasis on sustainable farming techniques, crop diversity, and animal welfare, this segment covers a wide range of activities, from conventional farming practices to contemporary agribusiness operations.

Food Processing and Manufacturing:

These processes include cooking, preserving, packaging, and flavor enhancement in order to turn raw agricultural products into food products with added value. This sector includes a broad range of operations such as packaging, milling, baking, canning, freezing, and freezing. It is distinguished by strict quality control procedures and adherence to food safety laws.

Foodservice and Hospitality:

The foodservice and hospitality sector encompasses establishments that prepare and serve food and beverages to customers, including restaurants, cafes, bars, hotels, catering companies, and institutional foodservice providers. This segment is highly diverse, ranging from fine dining establishments to fast-food chains, and plays a vital role in providing consumers with convenient and enjoyable dining experiences.

Retail And Distribution:

Food products are sold and distributed to customers through a variety of channels, such as supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, specialty food stores, and internet merchants. This process is known as retail and distribution. Intense competition, changing customer preferences, and the requirement for effective supply chain management to guarantee prompt delivery of high-quality, fresh products are the characteristics of this market.

Food Technology and Innovation:

With an emphasis on enhancing food safety, quality, sustainability, and convenience, food technology and innovation propel developments in food production, processing, packaging, and distribution. This category includes a broad range of techniques and technologies, such as food engineering, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and digital solutions, with the goal of resolving issues like resource scarcity, shifting consumer preferences, and food waste.

All things considered, the food industry is a resilient and dynamic sector that keeps evolving in response to shifting consumer trends, technological developments, and worldwide issues. It is vital for sustaining life, promoting economic growth, and influencing global food production and consumption in the future.

2.1.1 HISTORY OF FOOD INDUSTRY

The food industry has been around for thousands of years, developing alongside human civilization. Its history is rich and varied. Technological developments, cross-cultural interactions, and shifts in the economy have influenced the industry from the prehistoric era of hunting and gathering to the intricate global food system we know today. The foundation for agriculture and food production was established by ancient societies like Mesopotamia, Egypt, and China, who invented methods like crop cultivation, animal husbandry, and irrigation. These developments made it easier for food markets and trade networks to flourish, allowing products and culinary customs to be shared across large geographic areas.

Feudalism and the manorial system dominated agricultural production in the Middle Ages, when peasants cared for the land and produced food for their communities. Early forms of food

manufacturing and trade were fostered by guilds and merchant associations, which were instrumental in food processing and distribution. The food industry saw significant transformation during the 18th and 19th centuries Industrial Revolution, as new processing methods, steam power, and mechanization transformed food distribution and production. The emergence of mass-produced food items and the development of international trade networks during this time period laid the groundwork for the current food system. The food industry saw further transformation in the 20th century as a result of advances in science, technology, and transportation, which ushered in a period of unprecedented innovation and expansion. Food production was revolutionized by the introduction of food additives, preservatives, and synthetic fertilizers. Meanwhile, consumer shopping habits and dietary patterns were transformed by supermarkets, fast-food chains, and food conglomerates. A complex and interconnected global network of agricultural producers, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers makes up the food industry today. It keeps evolving in response to shifting consumer tastes, new issues like food security, sustainability, and public health, as well as advances in technology.

2.1.2 INDIAN FOOD INDUSTRIES

India's food industry is a thriving, multifaceted sector that is essential to the nation's economy, culture, and social structure. India has a vast range of cuisines, flavors, and regional specialties that reflect its varied geography, climate, and cultural traditions. Its rich culinary heritage dates back thousands of years. Food is an integral part of Indian culture, from home-cooked meals to upscale dining establishments and street food vendors. It provides sustenance, enjoyment, and a sense of community.

Agriculture forms the backbone of the Indian food industry, with the country being one of the world's largest producers of agricultural commodities such as rice, wheat, pulses, fruits, and vegetables. Traditional farming practices coexist with modern agricultural techniques, as farmers strive to meet the growing demand for food in a rapidly expanding population. In recent years, there has been a renewed focus on sustainable agriculture, organic farming, and farm-to-table initiatives, driven by concerns about food safety, environmental sustainability, and the health benefits of locally sourced produce. India's food processing industry has experienced tremendous expansion and investment thanks to shifting consumer tastes, urbanization, and growing incomes.

The industry is diverse and dynamic, involving a wide range of activities such as food distribution, packaging, and processing, all of which are supported by both large and small businesses. Thanks to its entrepreneurial spirit, technological innovation, and rich culinary heritage, India has produced a wide range of innovative food products and brands that suit different palates and dietary requirements. The food industry is positioned for further growth and transformation as the nation continues to modernize and urbanize, offering chances for investment, innovation, and cooperation throughout the whole value chain.

2.1.3 GLOBAL FOOD INDUSTRIES

The global food industry is a vast and complex network of interconnected businesses involved in the production, processing, distribution, and sale of food products to consumers worldwide. It encompasses a diverse array of sectors, including agriculture, food processing, retail, foodservice, and food technology, and plays a central role in meeting the nutritional needs of a growing global population. With an increasingly interconnected world, the food industry is characterized by global supply chains, international trade, and the exchange of culinary traditions and food cultures across borders.

The global food industry is based on agriculture, wherein farmers and agricultural producers raise livestock and cultivate crops to meet the demand for agricultural commodities and food. Genetically modified crops, precision farming methods, and irrigation systems are examples of agricultural technology advancements that have increased productivity and efficiency and allowed farmers to produce more food with less resources. But the agriculture industry also has to deal with issues like resource scarcity, climate change, and environmental degradation, all of which put the long-term viability of food production systems in jeopardy.

Raw agricultural products are transformed into value-added food products that are safe, practical, and consumer-pleasing by the food processing and manufacturing industry. This sector includes a broad range of operations such as packaging, milling, baking, canning, freezing, and freezing. It is distinguished by innovation, automation, and quality control methods that guarantee food safety and uniformity. In response to the shifting demands of consumers worldwide, food manufacturers are placing a greater emphasis on product innovation, clean-label ingredients, and transparent

sourcing practices as well as evolving consumer preferences and the need for natural, healthy, and sustainable foods.

2.1.4 FUTURE OF FOOD INDUSTRY

A number of factors, including population growth, technological advancements, changing consumer preferences, and sustainability concerns, are causing a significant transformation in the food industry's future. The rise of plant-based diets and alternative proteins, motivated by health and environmental concerns, is one of the major trends influencing its trajectory. Furthermore, as digitalization and technology are incorporated into the food supply chain from farm to fork, processes are being revolutionized and efficiency, traceability, and transparency are being improved. With businesses implementing strategies to reduce their negative effects on the environment and address social issues, sustainability has become a crucial requirement. All things considered, innovation, digitization, and sustainability initiatives to satisfy changing consumer demands and tackle global issues will define the future of the food business.

2.1.5 SWOT ANALYSIS

□ STRENGTH

Diverse Product Offering: There are many options available in the food industry to suit a range of dietary requirements, tastes, and preferences. This makes it possible to segment and differentiate the market effectively.

Robust Consumer Demand: Food is a basic necessity, and even in economic downturns, consumer demand for food products is comparatively stable, which makes the industry resistant to changes in the state of the economy.

Technological Advancements: Companies are now able to meet consumer expectations and regulatory requirements thanks to advancements in food processing, packaging, and distribution technologies that have improved efficiency, quality, and safety standards.

□ WEAKNESS

Food Safety Issues: Food safety and quality control are major concerns for the food industry, as contamination, adulteration, and recalls erode consumer confidence and damage brand reputation.

Sustainability Issues: The food industry faces challenges from environmental sustainability issues such as pollution, resource depletion, and climate change. As a result, businesses are being compelled to adopt sustainable practices and minimize their environmental impact.

Regulatory Compliance: It can be expensive and time-consuming for food companies, especially small and medium-sized businesses, to comply with complex and strict regulatory requirements, such as food safety standards, labelling laws, and import/export restrictions.

□ OPPURTUNITY

Health and Wellness Trends: As consumers' awareness of health and wellness has grown, food companies have had more opportunity to innovate and launch functional, organic, and healthier food products that meet the needs of consumers with shifting dietary preferences and lifestyles.

Plant-Based and Alternative Proteins: Food companies have the chance to expand their product lines and gain market share in the expanding plant-based food industry by capitalizing on the growing demand for plant-based and alternative protein sources.

E-commerce and Digitalization: Through online sales, mobile apps, and social media marketing, food companies can reach a wider audience, interact with consumers, and optimize their distribution channels. These opportunities are made possible by the quick development of e-commerce platforms and digital technologies.

□ THREATS

The food industry is characterized by intense competition, as multiple players vie for a larger share of the market across different product categories. This intense competition results in price wars, margin pressure, and increased competition for shelf space and consumer attention.

Economic Uncertainty: Consumer spending patterns and purchasing power can be impacted by economic downturns, currency fluctuations, and geopolitical instability. This can have an impact on the demand for food products as well as the profitability of food companies.

Changing Customer Preferences: Food companies must constantly innovate and be flexible in order to remain competitive in the face of rapidly changing consumer preferences, trends, and fads. This makes it difficult for them to anticipate and adjust to changing market demands.

2.2 COMPANY PROFILE

OVERVIEW:

Healthy Bites is a company that aims health orientation in food processing. They enlighten the population through educational programs and innovative products encouraging nutritious dietary habits. Started in 2015 by two people with passion for quality nutrition, the company has grown rapidly due to its dedication in ensuring customers are satisfied. Therefore it continues offering them wholesome food that is tasty and convenient. The stand-alone diet and fitness enterprise, Healthy Bites, aims at promoting the consciousness of healthier meals among the general public through the engagement of social media figures.

Mission Statement: "At Healthy Bites, we strive to inspire and support individuals on their journey towards better health through delicious and nutritious food choices. We believe in the power of social media influencers to positively impact consumer behaviour's and foster a culture of wellness."

CORE VALUES:

Nutrition Excellence: We are committed to creating food items with the best possible nutritional value by utilizing healthy ingredients and creative cooking techniques.

Consumer Empowerment: By giving them access to clear information and tools to help them make educated food choices, we hope to give consumers the power to take charge of their health.

Innovation: To remain at the forefront of the health food industry, we are dedicated to ongoing innovation in product development and marketing tactics.

Cooperation: We think that working together with partners, customers, and influencers can help us spread the word about wellness and reach a larger audience.

Sustainability: In order to reduce our environmental effect and promote a healthier planet, we give sustainability top priority in all aspects of our business, including sourcing, packaging, and operations.

PRODUCT CATEGORY:

Healthy Bites offers a variety of delicious and healthful food items made up of various food kinds that are suitable for people with various dietary needs and lifestyles. Among the products in our line-up are:

Salads and wraps are made with as fresh as possible local farm produce, including organic vegetables.

Teens prefer smoothies that are high in vitamins and antioxidants over print media.

Small plant-based, gluten-free snacks to break the fast in between meals.

Ready-to-eat meal kits with chef-developed recipes and balanced portions

MARKETING STRATEGY:

Healthy Bites uses social media influencers who can be a megaphone for its messages, reaching audiences who are maybe not active members of the healthy living community. We build long-term relationships with those influencers from the health field by showcasing content made by them that is relevant and exciting for consumers such as ourselves, who are prodding higher-marketed food options. We ensure that our influencer campaigns are built around empowering and educating consumers on the shift to healthier food habits, with engaging storytelling, recipe sharing, and product endorsements. Through exploiting social media power on platforms such as Instagram, YouTube and TikTok that comes in the form of reach and influence, we intend to create a consumer advocacy for healthy food options and institute Healthy Bites as a trusted brand in the nutrition domain.

CONCLUSION:

As a cutting-edge company in the health food domain, Healthy Bites is accountable for the public adopting healthy dietary preferences by developing modern products and driving the health food

brands. We follow the path of nutritional superiority, education of our customers and sustainability so to bring communities to the forefront of their health living one bite at a time.

2.3 PRODUCT PROFILE

OVERVIEW

A premium range of nutritious snack bars called NutriBlend Protein Bars was created to give customers a quick and wholesome on-the-go option. These protein bars were created by a group of food scientists and nutrition experts, and they are made with carefully chosen ingredients to promote general health and wellness. NutriBlend Protein Bars are designed with taste, texture, and nutritional value in mind. They provide customers with a fulfilling snack experience that complements their health-conscious lifestyle.

KEY FEATURES

High-Quality Protein: Packed with vital amino acids to promote muscle growth and recuperation, each NutriBlend Protein Bar contains high-quality protein derived from whey, pea, and soy proteins.

Nutrient-Rich Ingredients: To provide a balanced combination of macronutrients and micronutrients, NutriBlend Protein Bars are made with a blend of healthful ingredients, such as nuts, seeds, whole grains, and dried fruits.

Low Sugar Content: NutriBlend Protein Bars provide a guilt-free snack choice for people trying to cut back on sugar without sacrificing flavor because they don't contain any added sugars or artificial sweeteners.

Gluten-Free and Non-GMO: NutriBlend Protein Bars are ideal for people with dietary preferences or restrictions because they are free of gluten and made with non-GMO ingredients.

Variety of Flavour's: NutriBlend Protein Bars are available in a mouth-watering assortment of flavours, including Chocolate Peanut Butter, Almond Coconut, and Mixed Berry. These flavours are sure to satisfy a wide range of palates.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION(PER SERVING)

Nutritional Information

Calories:200g

Protein:20g

Carbohydrates:18g

Dietary Fiber:5g

Sugars:2g

Fat:8g

Saturated Fat:1.5g

Trans Fat:0g

Cholestrol:0mg

Sodium :150mg

Potassium:200mg

CHAPTER 3
DATA ANALYSIS AND
INTERPRETATION

3.1 DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS

3.1.1 Demographic representation of respondents

3.1.1.1 AGE:

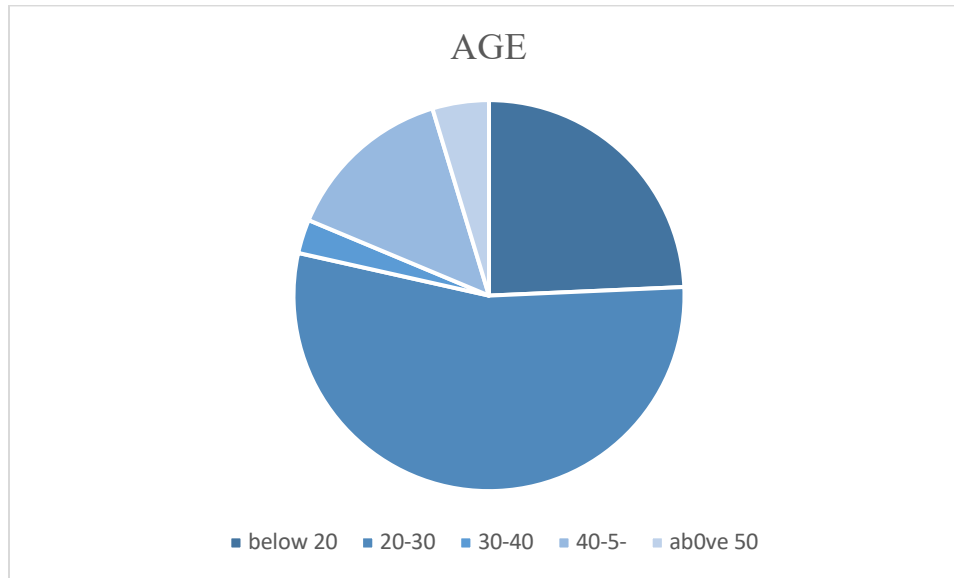


Figure 3.1.1.1 Shows the graphical representation 'AGE'

Age Frequency Table

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Below 20	26	24.1	24.3	24.3
20-30	58	53.7	54.2	78.5
Valid 30-40	3	2.8	2.8	81.3
40-50	15	13.9	14.0	95.3
Above 50	5	4.6	4.7	100.0
Total	107	99.1	100.0	
Missing System	1	.9		
Total	108	100.0		

Table 3.1.1.1 Shows the Frequency table of 'AGE'

Interpretation: The provided table illustrates the distribution of responses among participants regarding age. The most frequently chosen response was option 2.00 that is age between 20 - 30, selected by 53.7% of participants, followed by option 1.00 that is age below 20, chosen by 24.1% of participants. Options 4.00(40-50), 3.00(30-40), and 5.00(above 50) were selected by smaller

proportions of participants, with frequencies of 13.9%, 2.8%, and 4.6% respectively. The cumulative percentage column demonstrates the progression of responses through the different options. Overall, the interpretation highlights the varying degrees of preference among participants for different response options, with options 1.00 and 2.00 being the most commonly chosen.

3.1.1.2 GENDER

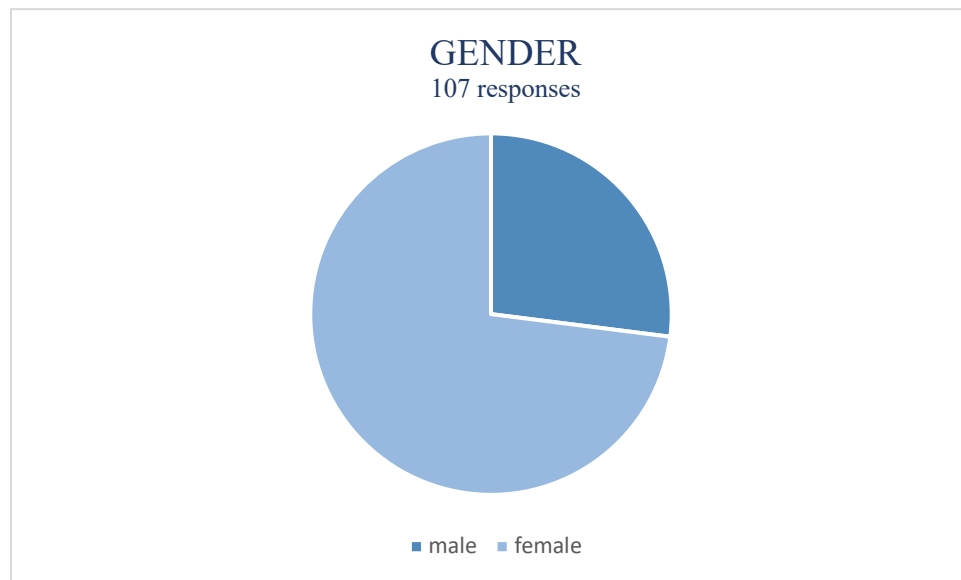


Figure 3.1.1.2 Shows the graphical representation 'GENDER'

Gender				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	29	26.9	27.1
	Female	78	72.2	72.9
	Total	107	99.1	100.0
Missing	System	1	.9	
Total		108	100.0	

Table 3.1.1.2 Shows the Frequency table of 'GENDER'

Interpretation : The given table comprises of gender distribution of the respondents, in which 68.1% (1.00), Female, and 72.2% (2.00), Male, In the meantime, we also lost one data point for 0.9% of the overall number. The entire analysis reveals the clear sex preference among the

majority of participants in terms of one gender category, while the number of people that classified themselves as the other gender category is smaller.

3.1.1.3 EMPLOYMENT STATUS

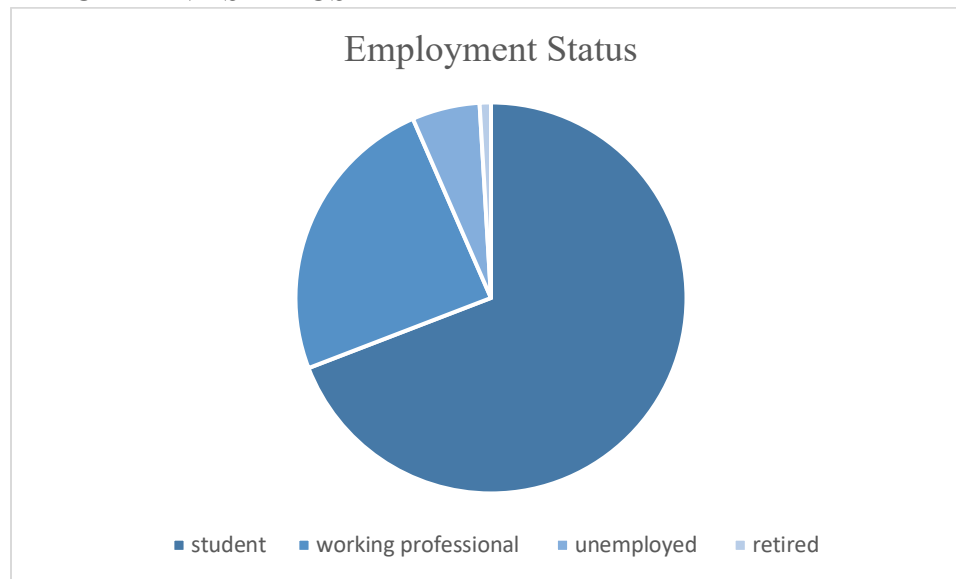


Figure 3.1.1.3 Shows the graphical representation 'EMPLOYMENT STATUS'

	Frequency	Percent
student	74	68.5
Working professional	26	24.1
Valid unemployed	6	5.6
Retired	1	.9
Total	107	99.1
Missing System	1	.9
Total	108	100.0

Table 3.1.1.3 Shows the Frequency table of 'EMPLOYMENT STATUS'

Interpretation : The given table has depicted the frequency distribution for the variables this: work status. Besides that, we have 2.00 as an answer that was selected by 68.5% of participants planning to be in employment, while 2.00 were 24.1% of participants unemployed. Also, 5.6% of respondents marked option 3.00, which covers the self-employed category, while only 0.9% of respondents selected option 4.00, which is the retired category. Summative column indicates that

69.2 percent of respondents have got jobs, and 93.5 percent are either employed or unemployed anyway, all employment status accounts for 100.0 percent. The glaring response dropped completely, 0.9% out of 100%, showing the account for all the current missing data. Generalissimo mainly the presentation includes respondents employment experiences of majority, other roughly of employment statuses.

3.1.1.4 DO YOU THINK CREDIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE PEOPLES FOOD HABITS FROM UNHEALTHY TO HEALTHY

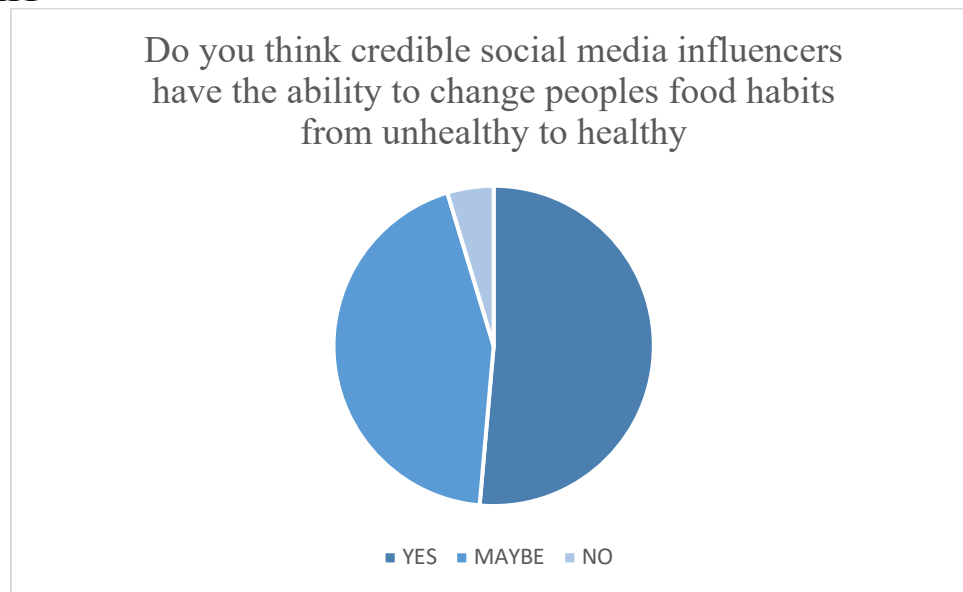


Figure 3.1.1.4 Shows the graphical representation 'do you think credible social media influencers have the ability to change people's food habits from unhealthy to healthy'

	Frequency	Percent
Valid Yes	55	50.9
Valid Maybe	47	43.5
Valid No	5	4.6
Total	107	99.1
Missing System	1	.9
Total	108	100.0

Table 3.1.1.4 Shows the Frequency table of 'do you think credible social media influencers have the ability to change people's food habits from unhealthy to healthy'

Interpretation : The cumulative shown table clarifies the reply frequency of consumer choice. Finally, out of relevant and valid replies, 50.9% said they would like option 1.00 and 43.5% went for option 2.00. The second option, option 3.00, obtained the greatest number of votes, at

28.4% while the smallest number of votes was for option 4.6%. The dialog column shows that 51.4% selected exactly option 1.00, as well as 95.3% chose among option 1.00 or option 2.00, and 100% have been displayed in my consumer choice report. The absent response was 1 that is equal to 0.9% of the total number, and there is a small least amount of missing data. Ultimately, the application of this definition leads us to the case that consumers on average distribute their choice almost equally among the given options with options 1.00 and 2.00 being the most popular ones.

3.1.1.5 ON THE SCALE OF 1 TO 5 HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO MAKE DIFFERENT FOOD CHOICES AFTER WATCHING CREDIBLE INFLUENCERS?

On the scale of 1 to 5 how likely are you to make different food choices after watching credible influencers?

107 responses

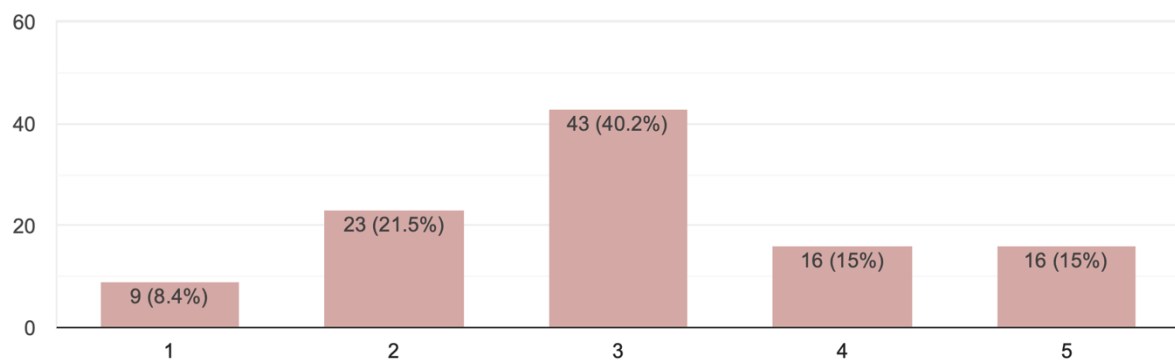


Figure 3.1.1.5 Shows the graphical representation ‘on the scale of 1 to 5 how likely are you to make different food choices after watching credible influencers?’

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	1.00	17	15.7
	2.00	16	14.8
	3.00	43	39.8
	4.00	23	21.3
	5.00	8	7.4
Total		107	99.1
Missing	System	1	.9
Total		108	100.0

Table 3.1.1.4 Shows the Frequency table of ‘on the scale of 1 to 5 how likely are you to make different food choices after watching credible influencers?’

Interpretation: The following table reveals the frequency distribution of both consumers answers to consumer choice. The participants among valid respondents tendency to option 1.00 was 15.7%, and that to option 2.00 was 14.7%. The bigger share, 39.8%, then expressed their interest in option 3.00 which was next to 21.3% of them who said they liked option 4.00 most and lastly 7.4% of the respondents opted for option 5.00. with the remaining 0.1% counted as wrong. In general the interpretation show a varying range of consumer preferences among as with option 3.00 and 4.00 the most popular.

3.2 HYPOTHESIS TESTING

3.2.1 CORRELATION

Correlation refers to a statistical measure that describes an extent to which two or more variables change together. In other words, it quantifies the relationship between two variables. There are two main correlations, namely positive and negative.

Positive correlation: This occurs when an increase in one variable is associated with the increase in the other variable, and decrease in one variable is associated with the decrease in the other variable. The correlation coefficient for positive correlation ranges from 0 to +1, with +1 indicating a perfect positive correlation.

Negative correlation: This occurs when an increase in one variable is associated with a decrease in the other variable, and vice versa. The correlation coefficient for negative correlation ranges from -1 to 0, with -1 indicating a perfect negative correlation.

Correlation does not imply causation, meaning that even if two variables are correlated, it does not necessarily mean that one variable causes the other to change.

3.2.1.1 Correlation between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice

the individuals notified as Health-Conscious Consumers are comparatively more eager to get healthy food options than people who have been identified as Health-Uninterested Consumers. The link between the extent of health awareness and decision-making process of consumers could be understood as positive; hence, individuals who seriously consider health issues and save on their priority list those are more likely get healthier choice of food

H1:Health-Conscious consumers more likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with Health-Uninterested Consumers

To check the correlation between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice a correlation analysis was conducted using SPSS and the output table is displayed below 3.3.1. From the table is it evident that there is a significant correlation between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice.

Correlations		Consumer Choice	Health Conscious Consumers
Consumer Choice	Pearson Correlation	1	.308**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.001
	N	107	107
Health Conscious Consumers	Pearson Correlation	.308**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	
	N	107	107

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 3.2.1.1 shows the correlation between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice

The Pearson correlation coefficient between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice is 0.308. This value indicates a moderate positive relationship between the two variables. Since the correlation coefficient is positive (0.308) it means that as consumers who are Health-Conscious increases, Consumer Choice also tends to increase. Similarly, as Health-Consciousness of

Consumers decreases Consumer Choice tends to decrease. The correlation is statistically significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed), which means that the likelihood of observing such a moderate relationship between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice by random chance is very low.

Based on these results, we can conclude that there is a moderate positive relationship between Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice. This means that individuals who are Health-Conscious are very likely to make high Consumer Healthy Food Choice

3.2.1.2 Correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice

People who do not show much interest in health and wellness find it hard to distinguish between a healthy meal and unhealthy food unlike their counterparts who possess a higher health interest level. People who are uninterested in their health are likely to make consumer food choices which are also unhealthy.

H2:Health-Uninterested Consumers are less likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with higher levels of health interest

To check the correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice a correlation analysis was conducted using SPSS and the output table is displayed below 3.3.1. From the table is it evident that there is a significant correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice.

Correlations			
		Consumer Choice	Health-Uninterested Consumers
Consumer Choice	Pearson Correlation	1	.528**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	107	107
Health-Uninterested Consumers	Pearson Correlation	.528**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	N	107	107

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 3.2.1.2 shows the correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice

The Pearson correlation coefficient between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice is 0.528. This value indicates a moderate positive relationship between the two variables. Since the correlation coefficient is positive (0.528) it means that as consumers who are Health-Uninterested increases, Consumer Choice also tends to increase. Similarly, as Health-Interested of Consumers decreases Consumer Choice tends to decrease. The correlation is statistically significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed), which means that the likelihood of observing such a moderate relationship between Health- Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice by random chance is very low.

Based on these results, we can conclude that there is a moderate positive relationship between Health- Uninterested Consumers and Consumer Choice. This means that individuals who are Health- Uninterested are very likely to make high Consumer Unhealthy Food Choices.

3.2.1.3 Correlation on Effect of credible influencers on Health Conscious Consumers and Health-Uninterested Consumers

This assesses whether consumer behaviour of Health Aware Consumers and Health Indifferent Consumers are dictated by the credibility of influencers, and whether such content can shape their decision-making regarding health. In this respect, this study is meant to clarify if simply listening to more believable voices can cause a behavioural change to happen, especially when it comes to the adoption of healthier lifestyles. This goal certainly may be achieved, regardless of individual differences in health interest.

H3: Perception of credibility of social media influencers who promote healthy food choices positively influences non- health concerned consumers to adopt healthier food choices.

To check the correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious and Consumer Choice a correlation analysis was conducted using SPSS and the output table is displayed below 3.3.1. From the table is it evident that there is a significant correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Interested Consumers and Consumer Choice.

		Correlations		
		Health- Uninterested Consumers	Consumer Choice	Influencer Credibility
Health-Uninterested Consumers	Pearson Correlation	1	.528**	.537**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000
	N	107	107	107
Consumer Choice	Pearson Correlation	.528**	1	.578**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000
	N	107	107	107
Influencer Credibility	Pearson Correlation	.537**	.578**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	
	N	107	107	107

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 3.2.1.3 shows the correlation between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice

The Pearson correlation coefficient between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers and Consumer Choice is 1,0.528.0.537 respectively. This value indicates a moderate positive relationship between the three variables. Since the correlation coefficient is positive (1,0.528,0.537) it means that as credibility on influencer increases, Consumer Choice of Health-Uninterested consumers also tends to increase. Similarly, as credibility of influencers decreases Consumer Choice tends to decrease. The correlation is statistically significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed), which means that the likelihood of observing such a moderate relationship between Influencer Credibility and Consumer Choice by random chance is very low.

Based on these results, we can conclude that there is a moderate positive relationship between Influencer Credibility and Consumer Choice. This means that Influencers who are credible are very likely to make high Consumer healthy Food Choices.

3.2.2 REGRESSION

3.2.2.1 Relationship between Health Conscious Consumers and Consumer food Choice

The purpose of the hypothesis test is to investigate the relationship between consumers choice and those who have health concerns. It looks into whether people who prioritize health are more likely to make certain consumer choices than people who don't. The study aims to determine whether there is a significant relationship between consumers' choices and their health concerns through Regression analysis.

H1:Health-Conscious consumers more likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with Health-Uninterested Consumers

Regression testing involves rerunning existing test cases against the updated codebase to make sure that recent code changes have not negatively impacted the functionality or performance of the project. Here, it is used to verify if a relationship exists between consumers with health concern and consumer choice. The cross-tabulation is shown in table 3.2.2.1(b)

Model Summary				
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.308 ^a	.095	.086	1.13695

a. Predictors: (Constant), Health Conscious Consumers

Table 3.2.2.1.(a) Shows the relationship between health-conscious consumers and consumer choice as a model summary.

ANOVA ^a					
Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	14.179	1	14.179	10.969	.001 ^b
Residual	135.728	105	1.293		
Total	149.907	106			

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

b. Predictors: (Constant), Health Conscious Consumers

Table 3.2.2.1.(b) Shows the relationship between health-conscious consumers and consumer choice as ANOVA

Coefficients ^a					
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
1 (Constant)	2.277	.411		5.539	.000
Health Conscious Consumers	.398	.120	.308	3.312	.001

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

Table 3.2.2.1(c) Shows the relationship between health-conscious consumers and consumer choice in Coefficients^a

Simple linear regression analysis was conducted to evaluate the extent to which Health Conscious Consumers could predict Consumer healthy food choice. A significant regression was found ($F(1,105) = 10.969$, $p = .001^b$). The R^2 was (.095), indicating that Health-Conscious Consumers explained approximately [95]% of the variance in Consumer Choice.

The regression equation that shows the relationship;

THE REGRESSION EQUATION IS:

$$\text{Consumer Choice} = 2.277 + .398 (\text{Health-Conscious Consumers})$$

That is, for each one unit increase in Consumer healthy food choice the Conscious Consumers [increased by approximately (39.8%)]

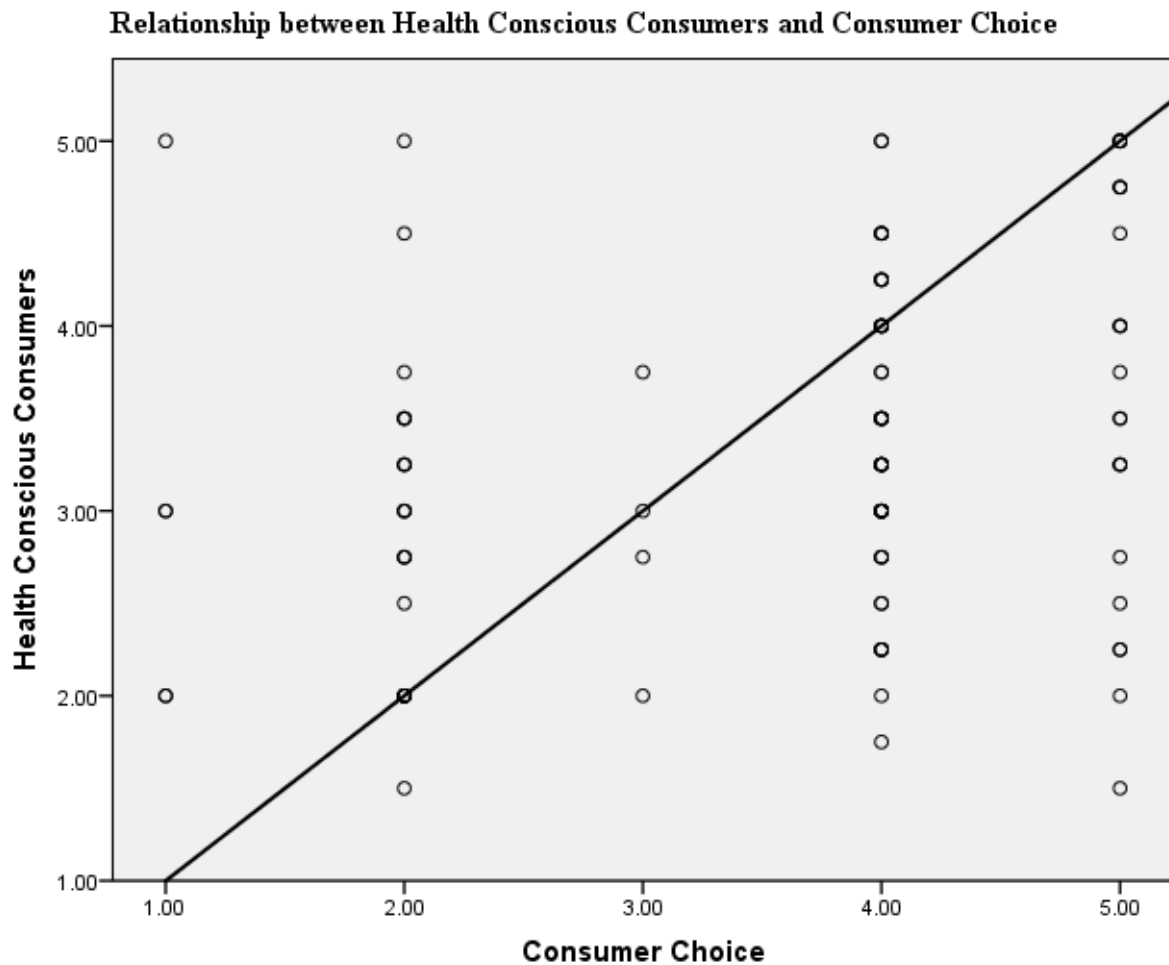


Figure 3.2.2.1(a) Shows the graphical representation health-conscious consumers and consumer choice

3.2.2.2 Relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers and Consumers Food Choice

Health ambivalence as a variable of the hypothesis test stands to prove whether its necessity on the consumer's propensity to choose healthier foods. It aims to figure out if persons who haven't made up their minds about health, by having some poor health ambivalence, have a less chance to maintain healthier diet than those with better level of health interest. The study aims to examine the two mentioned factors via the use of statistical analyses to see if there is any significant association between ambivalence about health and being more inclined towards making healthier food choices.

H2: Health-Uninterested Consumers are less likely to make healthier food choices compared to those with higher levels of health interest

Using a regression analysis on the relationship between the variables “Consumers who are Health-Ambivalent” and their food choices, we aimed to establish the relationship existing between health ambivalence and dietary determinations. The results evidenced an obvious influence of health ambivalence on the consumers' propensity of food choices such as healthier ones contradicting this, individual with higher health concerns are more likely to make healthier food choices than those with average level of health concern. Such implication manifest more clearly in what is displayed in Table 3.2.2

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.528 ^a	.279	.272	1.01447

a. Predictors: (Constant), Health-Uninterested Consumers

Table 3.2.2.2(a) Shows the relationship between Health-uninterested Consumers and consumer choice as a model summary.

ANOVA^a

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	41.847	1	41.847	40.662	.000 ^b
Residual	108.060	105	1.029		
Total	149.907	106			

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

b. Predictors: (Constant), Health-Uninterested Consumers

Table 3.2.2.2(b) Shows the relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers and consumer choice as aAnova.

Coefficients ^a					
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
1 (Constant)	1.688	.314		5.377	.000
Health-Uninterested Consumers	.646	.101	.528	6.377	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

Table 3.2.2.2(c) Shows the relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers and consumer choice as Coefficients.

Simple linear regression analysis was conducted to evaluate the extent to which Health Uninterested Consumers could predict Consumer healthy food choice. A significant regression was found ($F(1,105) = 10.969$, $p = .005^b$). The R^2 was (.0279), indicating that Health-Uninterested Consumers explained approximately [27.9%] of the variance in Consumer Choice.

The regression equation that shows the relationship;

THE REGRESSION EQUATION IS:

$$\text{Consumer Choice} = 1.688 + .646 (\text{Health-Uninterested Consumers})$$

That is, for each one unit increase in Consumer healthy food choice the Health Uninterested Consumers increased by approximately (64.6%)

Relationship between Health-Uninterested people and Consumer choice

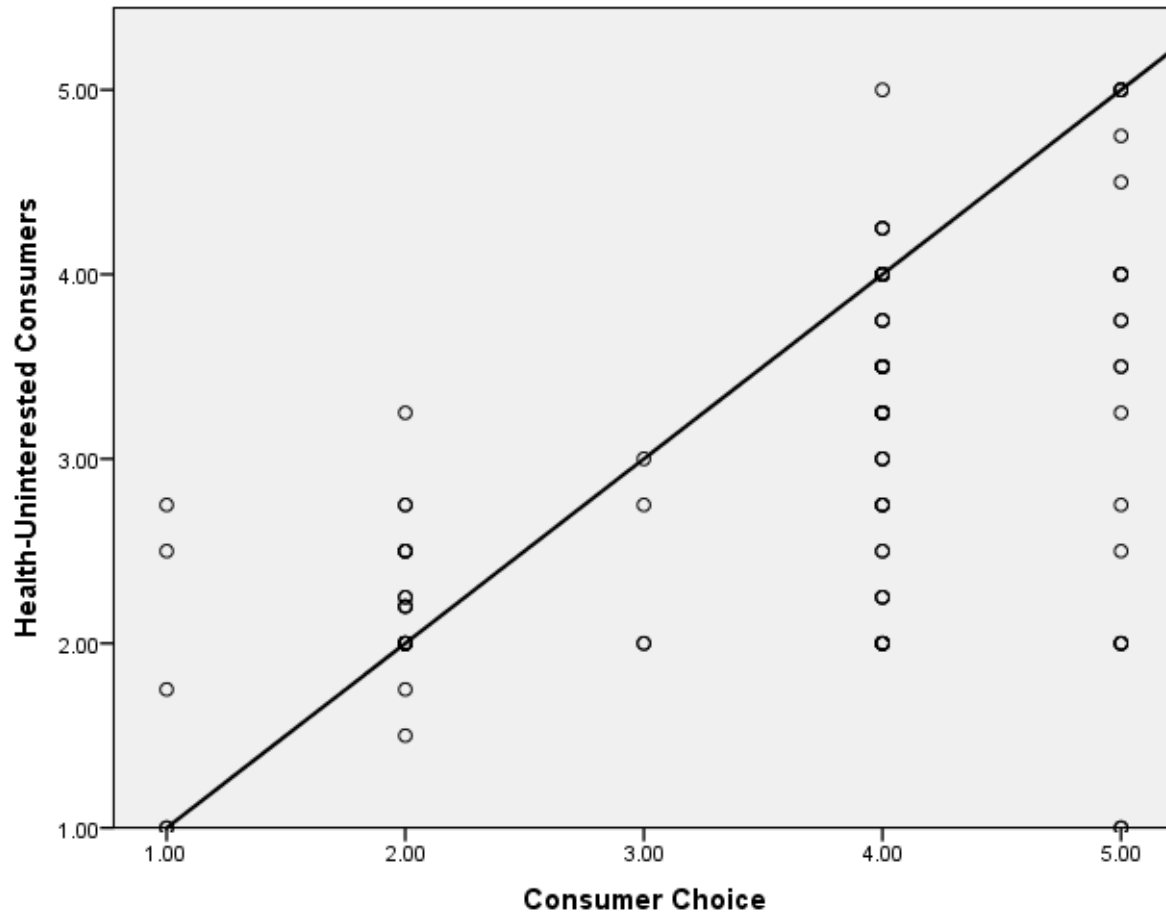


Figure 3.2.2(a) Shows the graphical representation Health-uninterested Consumers and consumer choice

3.2.2.3 Effect of credible influencers on Health Conscious Consumers and Health-Uninterested Consumers

The hypothesis of the study hypothesis entails the exploration of the power of creile influencers on the Health Conscious Consumers and Health-Ambivalent Consumers in making healthy food choices. Taking essential data from the influencers, the study is set to confirm if the health food choices of Health-Ambivalent consumers are better when they are exposed to influencers with proven knowledge in health. An important objective of this research paper is to investigate two groups of consumers, Health Conscious Consumers and Health-Ambivalent Consumers, and to

see how they react to the same influencer marketing tactics, so we could determine the specific effectiveness of the campaigns from influencers and individual perceptions towards good nutrition.

H3: Perception of credibility of social media influencers who promote healthy food choices positively influences Health-Uninterested consumers to adopt healthier food choices.

To find out if credible social media influencers who promote healthy food choices positively influences Health-Ambivalent consumers to adopt healthier food choices a regression analysis was conducted on influencer credibility, health-ambivalent consumers, health conscious consumers and consumer choice, Table 3.2.3(a) shows the slight influence that credible social media influencers have on health ambivalent consumers.

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.664 ^a	.441	.424	.90238

Predictors: (Constant), Health Conscious Consumers, Health-Uninterested Consumers, Influencer Credibility

Table 3.2.2.3(a) Shows the relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers, Influencer Credibility and consumer choice as a model summary.

ANOVA^a

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	66.035	3	22.012	27.032	.000 ^b
Residual	83.871	103	.814		
Total	149.907	106			

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

b. Predictors: (Constant), Health Conscious Consumers, Health-Uninterested Consumers, Influencer Credibility

Table 3.2.2.3(b) Shows the relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers, Influencer Credibility and consumer choice as a ANOVA.

Coefficients ^a					
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	-.118	.444	-.266	.791
	Health-Uninterested Consumers	.389	.107	.318	.000
	Influencer Credibility	.482	.119	.363	.000
	Health Conscious Consumers	.263	.098	.204	.008

a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Choice

Table 3.2.2.3(c) Shows the relationship between Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers, Influencer Credibility and consumer choice as Coefficient.

Multiple regression analysis was conducted to evaluate the extent to which Health Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers, Influencer Credibility could predict Consumer healthy food choice

A significant regression was found ($F_{3, 103} = 27.03$, $p = .000$). The R^2 was .44, indicating that Health-Uninterested Consumers, Health-Conscious Consumers, Influencer Credibility explained approximately 44% of the variance in Consumer Choice

The regression equation that shows the relationship

THE REGRESSION EQUATION IS:

$$\text{Consumer Choice} = -.12 + .389 (\text{Health-Uninterested Consumers}) + .482 (\text{Influencer Credibility}) + .263 (\text{Health Consciousness})$$

CHAPTER 4
FINDINGS, SUGGESTIONS
AND CONCLUSION

4.1 LIST OF FINDINGS

- Customers who prioritize their health show a moderately positive correlation with choosing healthier foods, suggesting that people who prioritize their health are more likely to choose healthier dietary options with a Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.308, indicating a moderate positive relationship between the two variables.
- There is strong correlation between consumers who are uninterested in health and consumer choice. Consumers who fall into the category of "health-uninterested" have a somewhat positive correlation with choosing unhealthy foods, suggesting that members of this group typically choose less nutritious options. Consumers who fall into the category of "health-uninterested" have a somewhat positive correlation with choosing unhealthy foods, suggesting that members of this group typically choose less nutritious options.
- We can find the strong relationship between consumer behaviour among those who are both health-conscious and uninterested in health and the legitimacy of social media influencers who advocate for healthy eating choices with pearsons correlation coefficient of 0.578. It was discovered that reliable influencers had a somewhat favourable effect on consumer choice, suggesting that they can effectively encourage people to choose healthier foods regardless of how interested they are in health issues.
- The results of the study showed a strong regression between consumer food choices and health consciousness. Compared to people with lower levels of health interest, those with higher levels of interest were more likely to make healthier food choices.
- Health uninterested consumers had a significant impact on the food preferences of consumers. It has been discovered that consumers who have lower levels of health interest are less likely to choose healthier foods.
- Both consumers who are health-conscious and those who are not were positively influenced to adopt healthier eating habits by reliable social media influencers. Consumer decision-making with regard to food choices was significantly influenced by the perception of influencer credibility.

4.2 SUGGESTIONS

- Partner with influencers who are genuine and have a real liking for the health and wellness niche and try to ensure integrity and commitment to the overall brand values and message. Put a focus on the value of originality and reliability when brands of foods with better health components are promoted.
- Utilize complete influencers marketing campaigns that touch different social media channels to get the aim audience in a successful manner. Incorporate interaction-proving components like recipe videos, cooking classes, and healthy living ideas to deliver messages that will affect people.
- Cater the advertising message by personalizing it in a way that will resonate most with different demographic areas that have different food preferences and attitude towards healthy food choices. Indicate the nutritional benefits of the advertised foods for health-oriented customers as well as the easier way of the creating of tasty and comfortable food for the rest of the consumers.
- Construction and regulation of consumer feedback and engagement characteristics by means of social media platform are to be monitored and analysed regularly to ascertain a degree of success of influencer collaborations. Conducting continuous A/B testing on different strategies and use the results to customize the campaign to the maximum level.
- Carry out police officers or committees with clients to dive deeper into their minds and thoughts on the impacts social influences have on food choices for healthy options. Exploit this feedback to improve criteria for influencer selection in your plan for the future campaigns, and content strategies as well.

Through these tactics, brands can successfully utilize social media influencers to motivate and gain trust for consumers that a healthy meal is the smart choice, thus contributing to better health outcomes, strong brand loyalty and big profit margins.

4.3 CONCLUSION

The study delves into the intricate relationship between social media influencers and consumer adoption of healthier food choices. It highlights the pivotal role of influencer credibility in influencing consumer trust and engagement with health-related content. Social media influencers who are perceived as authentic, knowledgeable, and reliable are more likely to sway health-conscious consumers towards opting for healthier alternatives in their food purchases. Conversely, consumers less interested in health may not resonate with such influencer campaigns, preferring convenience and taste over health considerations.

Segmenting the audience based on their health consciousness emerges as a critical strategy for health brands aiming to target specific consumer groups effectively. By understanding the varying degrees of consumer health awareness, marketers can tailor influencer marketing campaigns to address the unique needs and preferences of different segments. For instance, health-mindful consumers demonstrate a heightened receptivity to adverts by health food influencers, necessitating specialized advertising approaches to overcome barriers to adopting healthier dietary habits.

Looking ahead, the insights gleaned from this study can inform the development of more targeted and effective influencer marketing campaigns aimed at promoting healthy dietary habits. By harnessing the complexities of influencer credibility, consumer health awareness, and choice behaviour, marketers can devise strategies that resonate with diverse consumer groups and drive positive changes towards a healthier society.

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ANNEXURE
QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. What is your name?

2. Your age?

- ☐ Below 20
- ☐ 20-30
- ☐ 30-40
- ☐ 40-50
- ☐ Above 50

3. Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

4. Employment status?

- ☐ Student
- ☐ Working professional
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Retired

5. On a scale from 1 to 5, how important is it for you to choose foods based on your health benefits?

- ☐ 1 (Least important)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (very important)

6. Please rank the following factors based on your opinion about general health interest
(Strongly agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly disagree)

- ☐ I am very particular about the healthiness of food

- ☐ I always follow a healthy and balanced diet
- ☐ It is important for me that my diet is low in fat.
- ☐ It is important for me that my daily diet contains a lot of vitamins and minerals
- ☐ I eat what I like and I do not worry about healthiness of food
- ☐ The healthiness of food has little impact on my food choices
- ☐ The healthiness of snacks makes no difference to me
- ☐ I do not avoid any foods, even if they may be a little unhealthy

7. Do you watch food and nutrition/fitness related content on social media?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ sometimes
- ☐ No

8. Do you think credible social media influencers have the ability to change peoples food habits from unhealthy to healthy?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

9. Please rank the following questions about the credibility of an influencer

(Strongly agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)

- ☐ I believe Influencers who promote health food are Reliable
- ☐ I believe Influencers who promote health food are Honest
- ☐ I believe Influencers who promote health food are trustworthy.
- ☐ I believe that Influencers who promote health food are qualified and experts in the field
- ☐ I feel that influencers are honest and knowledgeable while promoting health food

10 On the scale of 1 to 5 how likely are you to make different food choices after watching credible influencers?

- ☐ 1 (Least likely)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3

- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5(very likely)